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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/615,913; Filed: July 10, 2003
For: **Axle Driving Apparatus**
Inventors: IIDA *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
3. One (1) return postcard; and
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee for the RCE.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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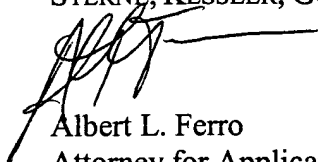
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